

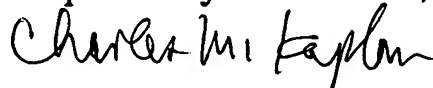
REMARKS

Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to remove unnecessary limitations.

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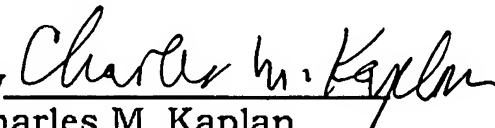
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